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Re: 20-009

Dear Lisa Wood:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the determination of nonsignificance for the Roza, Naches-Cowiche, Town, and Sunnyside Fishway Sediment Removal project. We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments.

#### WATER QUALITY

All of the sites noted in the project proposal either lie within or drain to areas included in sediment-reduction water quality improvement plans (total maximum daily load programs, or TMDLs).

The Town Diversion Dam Fishway and Roza Diversion Dam Fishway dredging projects are within the area of the Upper Yakima Suspended Sediment, Turbidity and Organochlorine Pesticide TMDL. The Sunnyside Diversion Dam Fishway dredging project lies within the program area of the Lower Yakima Sediment TMDL. The Naches-Cowiche Fishway dredging project drains to the Naches River and ultimately to the lower Yakima River.

The proposal states that the projects will be undertaken either in the dry or at annual low flows. However, wherever possible, additional care should be taken to reduce sediment inputs to the rivers as much as possible.

If you have any questions regarding these TMDL programs, please contact **Jane Creech** at 509-454-7860 or [jton461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:jton461@ecy.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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